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E D I T O R I A L S

(The following editorial is in response to A. Arculeo's editorial of Dec. 19)

Dear Anthony Arcuelo,

It is my sorrowful duty to inform you that it has been almost ten years since the war in Vietnam was ended. Your sentiment concerning American involvement in Lebanon is unfortunate, however, your comments are not only ignorant; they have little respect for those parents who lost children in Lebanon.

You state that the U.S. Marines died "for no real cause except to hold back "terrorists" from gaining control of their own country." Mr. Arcuelo, since when has Syria made a claim of ownership to Lebanon? Also, Mr. Arcuelo, you say "terrorists" as if you don't feel they are terrorists. Who else but terrorists would drive a truck full of explosives into a peaceful military base and murder over 200 men?

Mr. Arcuelo, you also state that we have sacrificed American lives for "a small strip of desert". I feel it would be wise for you to register for a geography course, Lebanon is more than just a small strip of desert. I don't know if you're aware that the "small strip of desert" is home for thousands of people trying to live freely and peacefully. The parents of the small children who have died in bombings and sniper fire pray for peace every night. These parent's children truly died for no real reason.

Mr. Arculeo, you further state that the so-called "holding the bag" would have been "understandable if the interior of our great nation were threatened". I sincerely ask you should we really wait until the Russians invade American soil?

Mr. Arcuelo, America remains a leader of free and democratic nations because we have the courage to stop communist aggression from overrunning our allies. When the security of our allies is threatened, our security is threatenend. We have a responsibility to protect democratic, free nations who are allied with us in the cause of world democracy. God willing, we in the United States will never be faced with an invasion of our soil.

Finally, you state that you "hear Vietnam bells ringing". If you do, I feel sincerely sorry for you. In the sixties, Vietnam veterans were greeted upon arriving home by jeers, spitting, and rejection. Today, the veterans of Grenada and Lebanon are being met by parades, cheering, and honor. Thank God our society has changed and matured in the last ten years. Americans today are proud, and willing to support and defend our "friends" from the brutal aggression of the communists.

You end your letter with a quote from the 1960s group "Country Joe and The Fish" that says "come on all you big strong men, Uncle Sam needs your help again". Mr. Arcuelo, I ask you where are The Fish today? Where is Jimmy Hendrix today? How about Janis Joplin? These musicians were great talents. Hendrix and Joplin died of drug overdoses. The culture of the 1960s, one which you demonstrate support of by your final quote, destroyed great talents like Hendrix and Joplin. Your choice of final quotes just reinforces the ignorance and disrespect evident in your letter.

We as Americans must be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for the peace of our brothers. I challenge your final quote with: one of my favorites.

"Consider, if one of you has a mind to build a tower, does he not first sit down and count the cost that must be paid, if he is to have enough to finish it? Is he to lay the foundation, and then find himself unable to complete the work, so that all who see it will fall to mocking him and saying, Here is a man who began to build and could not finish his building?"

America knows the cost of preserving freedom. We have started a great effort to establish peace in Lebanon. We must continue to support our free and democratic allies.'

By the way Mr. Arcuelo, my quote is not from a 1960s rock song. If you're interested (and I'm sure you must be), my quote is from the Holy Bible, New Testament, Luke 14:27. The great poet and statesman that was speaking in this passage was Jesus Christ.

God bless you Tony, and Most of all God bless America!

Elliott Nachwalter, P.A.
(Proud American)

DADE COUNTY CELEBRATES "WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK" MARCH 4-10, 1984

"Women keep America going" is the theme for celebrations of Women's History Week, according to Fran Bohnsack-Lee, representative of the Community Coalition for Women's History Week. A number of organizations and educational institutions will hold events and special exhibits to commemorate the week, March 4-10, 1984. The coalition of women's organizations is coordinating the Dade County Celebration by encouraging participation and reporting events through a community calendar. Bohnsack-Lee would like to see a similar venture in Broward County.

BACKGROUND

Women's History Week is always celebrated during the week which contains March 8th, International Women's Day. The week long observance in the United States originated in 1978 in Santa Rosa, California, conducted by the Santa Rosa Commission on the Status of Women. The idea was so compelling that in a very brief period of time, the week received attention from historical societies, State Departments of Education, national organizations and periodicals for educators and the general public. A national lobby effort ensued, and in 1981, the annual observance of Women's History Week was proclaimed by the United States Senate.

According to Dr. Gerda Lerner, President of the Association of American Historians, in her inspirational book, The Majority Finds Its Past: Placing Women in History: "Women...have shaped history through community-building. While men conquered territory and built institutions which managed and distributed power, women transmitted culture to the young and built the social network and infra-structures that provide continuity in the community..."

Any students who might be interested in developing a project for Women's History Week should see Ms. Bohnsack-Lee in Room 236 as soon as possible. This week provides an excellent opportunity to heighten public awareness of the importance of Women's History Week as well as Nova's commitment to egalitarian ideals. Please contact Fran Bohnsack-Lee at 475-7479 (office) or 1-665-3710 (home)

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